



PATENT
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 95,1408-UUU)

In the Application of:

Sheppard Jr. et al.

Serial No. 10/726,337

Filed: November 30, 2003

For: Affinity Binding-Based System for
Detecting Particulates in a Fluid

Before the Examiner:

Group Art Unit: 1641

Confirmation No.: 5481

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In regard to the above-identified application:

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 - c. Return Receipt Postcard
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